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(*d*) & (*e*) The allocation was recommended by the District Board, supported by the then Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards and approved by the Government.

(*f*) No information is available.

(*g*), (*h*) & (*i*) Yes. The Government are not prepared to place the remarks of the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards on the table.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I ask, Sir, on what principle the changes have been made, and whether these principles were not taken into consideration at the time of fixing the reserved seats during the year 1932? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" In accordance with the resolution of the District Board, reserved seats have been allotted on the principle that they should be allotted to circles in which the communities concerned do not have a fair chance."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I ask, Sir, whether this principle was not adopted at the time of the elections of 1932? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" No principle was followed in the case of all the seats; there have been exceptions."

Ferries

Proposal to reopen the ferry farms at Nagamarai and Pannavadi, Mettur Dam.

* 416 *Q*.—Diwan Bahadur S. Ellappa Chettiyar: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government had passed orders in March 1934, that the ferry farms at Nagamarai and Pannavadi above the Mettur Dam line should be closed;

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of the orders will be placed on the Council table;

(*c*) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that ferry boats are now being illicitly plied across these two ferries;

(*d*) whether the Public Works Department has now addressed the Government for reopening these two farms; and

(*e*) if so, what orders have been passed thereon?

A.—(*a*) to (*c*) In G.O. No. 777 I., dated 28th March 1934, a copy[a] of which is now placed on the Council table, 15 ferries in Salem district were ordered to be closed and the ferry at Nagamarai was one of them. There was no ferry at Pannavadi before the construction of the Mettur Dam. Boats were, however, plying between Kaveripuram and Nagamarai but the ferries at these two places were closed with reference to the orders in the Government Order referred to above. Boats are now plying between

[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 508 infra.

Pannavadi and Nerruppur and the Pannavadi ferry is of recent origin and has not been brought under the provisions of the Canals and Public Ferries Act.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Does not arise.

Industries

Proposals for filling the post of Superintendent, Government Leather Trades Institute, Madras.

* 417 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the post of Superintendent of Government Leather Trades Institute, Madras, has fallen vacant due to the demise of Mr. P. K. Rajamanicka Nayudu;

(*b*) since it is nearly three months since the vacancy occurred, what the Government propose to do in filling up the vacancy; and

(*c*) if the Government propose to appoint some one, what the necessary qualifications prescribed for the post are?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The question of filling up the vacancy is under the consideration of Government.

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—" May I know with reference to the answers to clauses (*b*) and (*c*), whether the appointment is to be made by the Government themselves or on the recommendation of the Public Services Commission? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I believe it is to be done by the Government in consultation with the Public Services Commission."

Mr. G. R. Premayya:—" I want to know whether the recommendation would be with regard to one in the department or an outsider? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" From the department itself."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to say whether the institute is working now, and if so, how many students are being turned out of it every year? "

The Hon. the President:—" That question does not arise."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" In view of the fact that students are not trained in this institute, is it necessary to fill the vacancy at all? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" But some one must do the work."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" What is the nature of the work done in the institute? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" Research work."